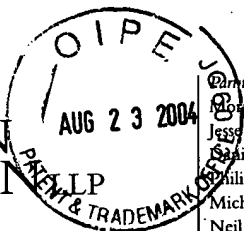


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Inventors: Anthony A. Sauvé and Vern L. Schramm  
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Sir/Madam:

Enclosed please find the following documents for filing in connection with the above-identified application in the names of Anthony A. Sauvé and Vern L. Schramm, entitled INHIBITORS OF ADP-RIBOSYL TRANSFERASES, CYCLASES AND HYDROLASES, AND USES THEREOF:

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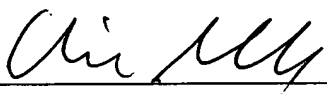
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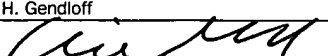
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Sir:

This Reply is to the Election/Restriction imposed in the Office Action dated July 23, 2004 in the above-identified case. Since this Reply is due August 23, 2004, it is timely filed.

Election/Restriction

A restriction is imposed requiring selection of one of the following three groups:

- I. Claims 1 (in part), 2-5, 10, 11, 14, 15, 18, 19, and 30-37, drawn to the compound of claim 1 wherein A is a nicotinamide group, a pyridyl group, a substituted pyridyl group, or a pyrimidyl group and compositions comprising the same;
- II. Claims 1 (in part), 6, 7, 12, 16 and 20, drawn to O-linked phenyl, substituted phenyl, pyridyl, substituted pyridyl, or pyrimidyl groups, and compositions comprising the same; and
- III. Claims 1 (in part), 8, 9, 113, 17 and 21, drawn to S-linked phenyl, substituted phenyl, pyridyl, substituted pyridyl, or pyrimidyl groups, and compositions comprising the same.

In response to this Restriction Requirement, applicants elect Group I, drawn to the compound of claim 1 wherein A is a nicotinamide group, a pyridyl group, a substituted pyridyl group, or a pyrimidyl group and compositions comprising the same. The election is made without traverse.

It is noted that this election is consistent with the response filed June 4, 2003 to the Restriction Requirement imposed on May 6, 2003. Applicants also note that the claims exclusive to Groups II and III have already been withdrawn from consideration.

With regard to the election of species requirement imposed in the July 23, 2004 Office Action, applicants elect nicotinamide-2'-deoxyriboside, as claimed in claim 4.

#### Conclusion


Applicants believe that the above is an adequate response to the Election/Restriction imposed in the Office Action of July 23, 2004. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request examination of the elected Group and species. If there are any minor matters preventing this, applicants request that Examiner McIntosh contact the undersigned attorney.

It is believed that no fee is required with this Reply. However, if a fee is required to maintain pendency of this application, the PTO is authorized to withdraw those funds from Deposit Account No. 01-1785.

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